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REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT; RESOLUTIONS APPOINTING UTILIZATION OF MANPOWER SUBCOMMITTEE, AND CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

House of Representatives,
Committee on Armed Services,
Washington, D.C., Tuesday, February 3, 1959.

The committee met at 10 a.m., the Honorable Carl Vinson (chairman) presiding.

The Chairman. Let the committee come to order.

A quorum of the committee is present. Let the record so disclose it.

Now members of the committee, you will recall that when we organized the committee we reelected Mr. Ducander as a member of our staff.

Mr. Ducander has since resigned and has been appointed executive director and chief counselor of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.

Now the policy committee considered the vacancy and, after careful consideration, we decided to recommend to you for your approval or disapproval the appointment of Mr. Frank Slatinshek, a former commander for 17 years in the Navy, a Reserve officer called to active duty. We investigated his background and think we are indeed fortunate in having such an outstanding man to offer to serve in the place of Mr. Ducander.

If there is no objection, then I ask the committee to affirm the selection of Commander Slatinshek. Any objection?

(No response.)

The Chairman. Let the record show that the committee unanimously selected him and he is duly put on the staff. Where is the commander? Is the commander here?

Mr. Slatinshek. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Members of the committee, there is the commander. He will take Mr. Ducander's place. I think we are very fortunate indeed.

Mr. Kilday. I want to agree. Commander Slatinshek has worked with my subcommittee on a number of bills and we are very fortunate to have his services.

Mr. Smart. I may suggest, Mr. Chairman, from this point on he is Frank and not commander.

The Chairman. Yes, sir. I will certainly call him Frank. [Laughter.]

The Chairman. Now, members of the committee, I want to lay before you—Mr. Philbin, have you any report to make?

Mr. Philbin. Mr. Chairman, your Real Estate and Construction Subcommittee met on January 28 for 2 hours and considered 11 real

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estate projects. It recommends the approval of nine of them which I will briefly describe as follows:

AIR FORCE ACQUISITIONS

No. 454, which involves the acquisition of 659 acres for $88,000 in the vicinity of Forbes Air Force Base, Kans. The property is required for the construction of Atlas missile sites facilities.

No. 453: 148 acres at a cost of $91,000 for Capehart housing at Clinton County Air Force Base, Ohio.

No. 452: 69 acres for $134,000 at Griffiss Air Force Base, N.Y. This property also will be used for Capehart housing.

No. 451: This project involves the transfer from the Navy to the Air Force of the Naval Air Station, Hutchinson, Kans.

AIR FORCE DISPOSAL

No. 54, which involves the disposal through the General Services Administration of the Van Court Auxiliary Field at San Angelo, Tex.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Acquisition No. 39: This project involves the renewal of seven warehouse leases at various locations within the United States. The rental averages about 50 cents a square foot for these leases. The project also involves the renewal of the condemnation occupancy of the Olney, Md., Training Center.

No. 173: This project involves the disposal of 6 acres of fee-owned land and 13 acres of leased land at the Naval Reserve Shipyard, Alameda, Calif. I might say that in the case of this project and the other disposals which I will describe, the subcommittee examined most carefully the possibility of the further requirement by the military departments of the property involved and concluded in each case that disposal was the best course.

No. 183: This project involves the disposal of about 1½ acres of unimproved land at the Naval Reserve aircraft plan, Syosset, N.Y.

No. 165: This project is for the disposal of 1½ acres at the naval landing site, Norfolk, Va. It appears that this property will be transferred by the General Services Administration to the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

The subcommittee concluded its meeting with an extended discussion of Air Force Acquisition No. 406 involving the acquisition of land at Pease Air Force Base, N.H. (which may be more familiar to members of the committee as the former Portsmouth Air Force Base). The property proposed for acquisition would be conveyed to the city of Portsmouth and be utilized by the city for the construction of a dam and reservoir. There are a number of unusual elements involved in this project and the subcommittee wishes to consider it further. This project, therefore, is not recommended for approval at this time. We will consider the matter further.

Mr. Chairman, I move favorable consideration of the foregoing report.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions from any members of the committee?

(No response.)

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The CHAIRMAN. I want to state that I had an opportunity of examining each and every one of these disposals and acquisitions. I am informed that the committee, Mr. Philbin's committee, unanimously recommended them.

Without objection, the decision of the subcommittee is made the decision of the full committee. And I will so advise the Department.

Mr. STRATTON. Mr. Chairman, I am sorry I got in late. Is the Scotia Naval Supply Depot included in that list? If so, I would like to enter a very——

Mr. PHILBIN. No, that isn't included in this list.

The CHAIRMAN. Now members of the committee, I want to lay before you a resolution.

Resolved, That there be appointed a special subcommittee to study the utilization of manpower in the Department of Defense, the size and membership of said subcommittee to be determined by the chairman of the full committee. The members to be chosen from the majority shall be selected by the chairman and those from the minority shall be appointed by the chairman upon the recommendation of the ranking minority member of the full committee; be it further

Resolved, That said subcommittee shall have jurisdiction to make inquiry of all phases of defense manpower utilization, including but not limited to, military and civilian personnel, tables of organization, the utilization of technically trained personnel in technical positions, the extent to which military personnel are assigned to civilian-type duties, the utilization of military personnel to provide personal services to other military personnel, a determination as to whether additional combat organizations may be created by more efficient utilization and without increasing the total strength of the military forces, and such other matters as may be pertinent to any of the foregoing; be it further

Resolved, That the subcommittee shall meet at such times as may be designated by the chairman thereof; be it further

Resolved, That upon the completion of its study and the filing of a report to the full committee, said subcommittee shall be dissolved.

Now I think this is a very important study that should be made. I certainly trust that the committee will go along and permit this study to be conducted.

Without objection, the resolution is agreed to. And I appoint the following.

Mr. BATES. You made a good case, Mr. Chairman. [Laughter.]

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Price, chairman; Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brewster, Mr. Kowalski, Mr. Wampler, Mr. Stratton, and Mr. Cohelan.

Mr. GAVIN. Are there any Republicans?

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Gavin, Mr. O'Konski, Mr. Gubser, and Mr. Becker. [Laughter.]

Mr. RIVERS. Mr. Chairman, that sounds like the Fordham football team. [Laughter.]

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection.

Now I have another resolution.

Resolved, That there be appointed within the House Committee on Armed Services, a Subcommittee on the Central Intelligence Agency, the size and membership of said subcommittee to be determined by the chairman. The members chosen from the majority shall be selected by the chairman and those from the minority shall be appointed by the chairman upon the recommendation of the ranking minority member of the full committee; be it further

Resolved, That this subcommittee shall meet at such times as the chairman thereof may determine; be it further

Resolved, That said subcommittee shall exercise general jurisdiction over matters affecting the Central Intelligence Agency, and that in addition thereto, shall forthwith proceed to make inquiry into the organization and the effectiveness of the Central Intelligence Agency, the ability of the Central Intelligence Agency to obtain, correlate, and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security, and to determined the adequateness of the security information received

together with the effectiveness of the services performed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

I think it is highly important that we have a special committee set up to be cognizant of all phases of the Central Intelligence.

Without objection, the committee agrees to the appointment of a subcommittee along that line.

So I appoint Mr. Kilday chairman, Mr. Charles E. Bennett, Mr. Huddleston, Mr. Kitchin, Mr. Van Zandt, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Osmers.

(Whereupon the committee proceeded to further business.)

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